

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors : Russell F. Durgin et al.
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BODY TISSUE
Group Art Unit : To be assigned (3731 Anticipated)
Examiner : To be assigned (G. Jackson Anticipated)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application before examination of the application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees in connection with this Amendment to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, add as the first paragraph after the Title, the following paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

6,428,548

This is a Continuation of U.S. Serial Number 09/443,219, filed on November 18, 1999, titled Apparatus and Method for Compressing Body Tissue.